

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2798 - HB 3268

March 4, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes volunteer school personnel with proper training to administer anti-seizure medications to a student in an emergency situation in accordance with the student's individual health plan. Requires that such volunteers be trained by a registered nurse (RN) to properly administer the medication.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Expenditures* - \$13,600

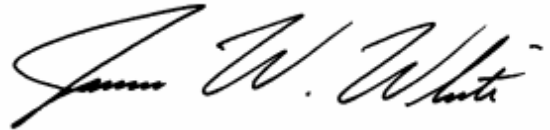
Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Education (DOE), there are currently 1,151 school nurses statewide. In the 2006-07 school year, there were 136 local education agencies (LEAs) and 852 RNs. It is assumed that there is at least one RN per LEA.
- According to the Office of School Coordinated Health (DOE) 2006-07 compliance report, approximately 693 students received medication from a health-care professional. Approximately 403 students statewide are able to self-administer anti-seizure medication.
- Training of volunteers is contingent upon the number of volunteers. It is estimated that the current number of RNs available per LEA will be able to handle the training of volunteers without an increase in personnel. Any increase in state expenditures is estimated to be not significant.
- LEAs will be responsible for furnishing any training materials required. According to DOE, such cost is estimated to be \$100 per LEA. The total recurring cost in training materials will be approximately \$13,600 (136 x \$100 = \$13,600).

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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James W. White, Executive Director

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